

in Temecula, California, built specifically for Sergeant Cristian Valle, a husband and father of four who was part of the first wave of U.S. troops to enter Iraq in 2003. In October 2005, Sergeant Valle suffered a life-altering injury when an enemy grenade left him without the use of his legs. After returning to the United States, Sergeant Valle faced challenges adjusting to his new life, but through the services of Homes for Our Troops, he and his family will receive a new home specially adapted to his needs to help him focus on recovery and restore independence and stability to his life.

While our veterans face many challenges, none should have to endure returning from service to a home that is inaccessible to them. I join Governor Baker of Massachusetts in bringing attention to this important organization, and call on the House to honor Homes for Our Troops and the valuable work they do serving those who have sacrificed so bravely so that we may enjoy a life of peace in the United States.

DEBRA HANEY NAMED SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Debra Haney for her appointment as superintendent of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Catholic Schools.

Debra has served in the Archdiocese for 25 years. She previously served as the interim superintendent and principal of St. Laurence and St. John Paull II Catholic Schools. The Archdiocese's district spreads across 10 counties and serves 18,700 students, making it the largest private school district in Texas. Using her wealth of knowledge and experience in the Archdiocese, Haney is committed to improving the district by raising funds for programming and technology. She is also focused on helping the district recover from Hurricane Harvey.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Debra Haney on her new position. I'm excited to see what she accomplishes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, on February 9, I was unable to vote on Roll Call votes 67 and 68. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call 67—Yes.

Roll Call 68—Yes.

RECOGNIZING MS. HOLLY ADAMS FOR HER INTERNSHIP WITH THE UNI-CAPITOL WASHINGTON INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Holly Adams, Holly has been an intern in my Washington, D.C. Congressional office since the beginning of January, through the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Programme (UCWIP).

For the past 19 years, the program has paired students from nearly a dozen partner universities in Australia with offices on Capitol Hill, giving hundreds of students the opportunity to work in the halls of Congress. I have been honored to host a number of extremely talented interns through the UCWIP. Holly is, of course, no exception.

Holly is currently enrolled at Deakin University in Geelong, Victoria, where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Law Degree and a Bachelor of International Studies Degree. As a student of International studies, she has already travelled extensively, participating in international politics study tours in Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, New York, as well as Tokyo.

Holly has proven herself to be a very hard-working and dedicated individual. Throughout her internship, she has interacted extensively with my constituents, by drafting correspondence, helping to address questions, comments, and concerns for those contacting or visiting my office. She has also attended a number of hearings and briefings on a wide range of topics facing our nation and world. Indeed, Holly proved herself to be so capable, she prepared a FY2019 Programmatic Request letter for circulation throughout the U.S. House of Representatives on rail safety. It is no wonder that she was chosen by her classmates to give the 'valedictory' speech at her program's closing reception.

Last year, Holly was accepted to study international human rights at Kings College, London, have no doubt that she will do great as she continues her studies. I am proud to congratulate Holly on all of her achievements, and to thank her for everything that she has done for my office, my district, state, and our country. She has a very bright and exciting future ahead of her, and I wish her the very best.

IN MEMORIAM—WILLIAM STRAUS,
1949–FEBRUARY 10, 2018

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Mr. William (Bill) Straus who passed away at the age of 69 on February 10, 2018 in Phoenix, AZ. Bill was a beloved community leader in the Phoenix area. He dedicated his life to the preservation of civil rights and spoke his mind—even when the truth was hard to hear.

Bill worked for many years on local radio station KTAR where he headlined his own

show Straus' Place. On his show, he discussed hot-button issues that faced our state and often invited lawmakers to join him. Bill was a solution-focused man. He wanted to get things done and he wanted people to be honest about their prejudices. He was a no-nonsense individual and was quick to tell callers that called into his radio show where he stood on issues. He did not waver.

Bill's enthusiasm was contagious. In 2001, he was selected to lead the Arizona Anti-Defamation League. During his 13 years as director of the ADL, Bill dedicated himself to protecting at-risk groups. He stood up against immigration raids and helped lead the fight against the controversial Senate Bill 1070, commonly referred to as the "Show me your papers bill," which targeted minority communities. Community groups and leaders loved Bill. He did not balk at the opportunity to fight alongside them as they sought inclusion within our state. Many of us—including myself—drew from Bill's strength and leadership. He was a fine man and will be missed dearly.

Bill and I worked together at the Arizona State Capitol during my tenure as a state legislator. We collaborated on numerous pieces of legislation aimed at creating fair solutions for people often excluded by many of the laws designed to protect them.

Bill is survived by his son Charlie, daughter Jenni and his three grandchildren Max, Matty and Maci.

BILL MARINO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Bill Marino for receiving the 2017 Steve Burkholder Diamond Legacy Award from the West Chamber of Commerce.

Bill Marino came to Colorado in 1995 with his wife, Jane, and two children. While they came here on vacation, they decided to stay. While his private ventures have taken him to London, San Francisco and Sydney, his touchstone for 20+ years has been Lakewood, Colorado. His willingness to service his community started when he served as president of his local neighborhood group. He was asked by then-Lakewood Mayor Linda Morton to be a part of a community discussion on land use, which resulted in his appointment to the Planning Commission, where he served for eight years. During the time, Bill oversaw the planning and development of Colorado Mills, Creekside on Colfax and Belmar.

Bill has now worked with four consecutive Lakewood mayors. While serving as Planning Commission Chair, former Mayor Steve Burkholder appointed him to his Blue-Ribbon Committee on West Colfax that developed the West Colfax Action Plan. In 2009, he was asked by former Mayor Bob Murphy to lead the charge to form a much-needed Business Improvement District along West Colfax, an initiative that had failed twice before. Most recently, he has worked with Mayor Adam Paul and local community leaders to develop and implement the West Colfax 2040 Vision Plan.

Bill currently serves as the Chief Executive of the Lakewood-W. Colfax Business Improvement District, Board Chair of 40 West Arts

District and Founder of The Creativity Lab of Colorado. He is a published author and frequent speaker on entrepreneurship and community engagement. He led the grassroots campaign for the petition drive and successful special election that formed the Lakewood-W. Colfax BID and championed the formation of a new arts district along West Colfax, now one of 21 state-certified creative districts in Colorado.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Bill Marino for this well-deserved recognition by the West Chamber of Commerce.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I recently was not present because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "NAY" on Roll Call 64 and 66.

CELEBRATING THE 92ND BIRTHDAY OF NEWTON MINOW

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to acknowledge the 92nd birthday of a great American, an innovative public servant, and a person I am proud to call my friend and mentor, Newton Minow.

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on January 17, 1926, Newt was the child of immigrant parents who stressed the virtues of hard work, integrity and public service. He went on to serve on the Indian subcontinent in the Second World War as a Sergeant in the United States Army, and then to Northwestern Law School and a clerkship for United States Supreme Court Justice Fred Vinson.

Newt's career spans a period of unparalleled transformation in the way our world shares information, and his influence on the evolution of media and broadcasting is difficult to overstate. Although he may be best known for his service as Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission and his oft-quoted "vast wasteland" speech, Newt had a hand in the development of the transistors that power modern computing, satellites that make global communication possible, and served as chairman of the board of governors of the Public Broadcasting Service and co-chair and vice-chair of the Commission on Presidential Debates. His intense focus on reserving broadcast spectrum to serve the public interest has shaped the development of media, public television and radio to the benefit of our democracy and our national dialogue.

Newt's service to his community extends well beyond government. In addition to his work as a successful attorney, Newt has served on the boards of business enterprises and in key leadership positions for important not-for-profit institutions including the Rand Corporation, the Carnegie Corporation, the Mayo Foundation, Northwestern University,

the University of Notre Dame and the Chicago Orchestral Association.

In 2016, Newt's extraordinary service to his country was recognized by President Obama with the award of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Newt would be the first to say that his greatest achievements have been his long, happy marriage to Josephine Baskin Minow, his wife of nearly 69 years, and his daughters Nell, Martha and Mary—all highly successful women who each through their own work have added so much to the national good.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all of Newt's countless friends and admirers, and on behalf of the United States Congress and a grateful nation, I want to say thank you to Newton N. Minow for all that he has done and continues to do for the people of the United States, and extend my best wishes for a happy, healthy and productive 93rd year. As his beloved Josephine often remarks, "the best is yet to be."

JOHN SAMPA NAMED COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR FOR THE U.S. ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate John Sampa, of Katy, TX, on his new assignment as Command Sergeant Major for the U.S. Army National Guard.

Sampa will be the twelfth person, and first African-American to serve as Command Sergeant Major for the Army National Guard. He will be the "eyes and ears" for Lieutenant General Timothy J. Kadavy, who handpicked him to serve as his advisor. Previously he served as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader for the Texas Military Department. Sampa is also a Texas State Trooper.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Command Sergeant Major John Sampa. I thank him for his service and sacrifice.

HONORING ERIN FOREMAN

HON. THOMAS MACARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate and honor a young student from my district who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. Erin Foreman of Forked River has just been named one of the top honorees in New Jersey by The 2018 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state and the District of Columbia.

Ms. Foreman is being recognized for her program that provides seniors and people with serious medical conditions with lock boxes to give first responders easy access to their house keys.

It's vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contribution this young citizen has made. People of all ages need to think

more about how we, as individual citizens, can work together at the local level to ensure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods. Young volunteers like Ms. Foreman are inspiring examples to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

The program that brought this young role model to our attention—The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards—was created by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in 1995 to impress upon all youth volunteers that their contributions are critically important and highly valued, and to inspire other young people to follow their example. Over the past 23 years, the program has become the nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, and has honored more than 120,000 young volunteers at the local, state and national level.

Ms. Foreman should be extremely proud to have been singled out from the thousands of dedicated volunteers who participated in this, year's program. I heartily applaud Ms. Foreman for her initiative in seeking to make her community a better place to live, and for the positive impact she has had on the lives of others. She has demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary in today's world, and deserves our sincere admiration and respect. Her actions show that young Americans can—and do—play important roles in our communities, and that America's community spirit continues to hold tremendous promise for the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, February 9, 2018, I was not present for two votes due to an unavoidable delay. If I had been present, I would have voted:

On Roll Call vote 67, on Ordering the Previous Question, I would have voted Nay.

On Roll Call vote 68, agreeing to H. Res. 734, I would have voted Nay.

SALUTING THE HEROIC ACTS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PALM BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT, PALM BAY, FL

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, on February 21, 2018, the City of Palm Bay will recognize the courage and bravery of the city's law enforcement officers and civilians during their annual Valor Award's Ceremony to be held at the Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place in Melbourne, FL. Over two hundred law enforcement officials and civilian employees make up the City of Palm Bay's police department.

The 160 sworn officers, and all the men and women that make up the Palm Bay Police Department, lay down their lives on a daily basis as peacekeepers, maintaining law and order